

DATE: April 13, 2026

TITLE: Donations

TYPE: Action

PRESENTER: Todd Lechtenberg, Executive Director of Finance & Operations

Background:

School districts receive donations from private individuals, public entities, and trusts on a regular basis. The district implemented School Board Policy 706 – Acceptance of Gifts to ensure compliance with statutory guidance.

Rationale:

The school board may receive, for the benefit of the school district, bequests, donations or gifts for any proper purpose. The school board shall have the sole authority to determine whether any gift or any precondition, condition or limitation on use included in a proposed gift furthers the interests of or benefits the school district and whether it should be accepted or rejected. Once accepted, a gift shall be the property of the school district unless otherwise provided in the agreed upon terms.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the following donations be accepted by the school board for the benefit of Austin Public School students.

DONOR	AMOUNT	RECIPIENT(S)	PURPOSE
Culver's	500.00	AHS FFA	General Expenses
Tristan Lund	1500.00	AHS Robotics	Expenses
Banfield PTC	180.00	Banfield Elementary	Cookie Order
Banfield PTC	260.00	Banfield Elementary	YAYA Registrations
AYB Fast Break Club	300.00	AHS Boys Basketball	Student Tournament Tickets
Hulsebus Family	40.00	AHS Robotics	Expenses
Community Charities of MN	500.00	AHS Adapted Bowling	Expenses
Dave Ruzek	Books valued at \$1700	Each kindergarten student throughout district	In Memory of Wife and Former Kindergarten Teacher Sue Ruzek
Westminster Church	200.00	ESL Department	Expenses